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SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION REMINDER

The 2015 Environmental Education State Symposium is just around the corner. The February 27-28, 2015 event will be packed full of informative, hands-on sessions aimed to help formal and non-formal educators incorporate the latest in environmental education information and techniques into their curriculum. Attendees have the opportunity to attend one of five day-long short courses on Friday Feb. 27, and choose from among a variety of hour-long concurrent sessions on Saturday the 28th. Highlights include a Friday bug-tasting mixer sponsored by the Audubon Institute, door prizes, exhibitors with special emphasis on environmental education materials, networking with other environmental educators, and updates on statewide environmental education programs. Attendees can earn up to 12 CLUs.

Don't wait too late. Early bird registration is just \$35 for the conference and \$10 for the short course. Find more information at the symposium website, <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

The last day for exhibitors to guarantee inclusion in the conference program is today, Friday, January 9, 2015. Exhibitors are welcome to register up to the week before the conference, but their information will not be included in printed promotional materials. Exhibitor information can be found [here](#). Visit <https://www.thepayplace.com/stateoflouisiana/ldwf/enviredsymposium/billpreview.aspx> to register online.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

DADS AND DAUGHTERS MARSH STUDY WORKSHOP IN COCODRIE

The Coastal Waters Consortium and LUMCON marine education are hosting a workshop for dads and daughters (daughters must be between the ages 5-8). Through the outdoors and the lab dads and daughters will have the unique opportunity to spend quality time in the amazing marsh ecosystem. Activities include animal collections, marsh walk, plankton lab, and a tour of the marine center.



Photo courtesy cwc.lumcon.edu

January 30, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the DeFelice Marine Center in Cocodrie, LA. For Girls **ages 5-8** and their dads. Fee is \$10 per person. Lunch provided.

Contact Leandra Darden at (985) 851-2844 or ldarden@lumcon.edu to register. Find the flyer [here](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GIVE A WHOOP!

Learn about the Whooping Crane reintroduction program and the crane's amazing journey back from the brink of extinction! This workshop will explain the complexities and challenges of the reintroduction program, demonstrate classroom lesson activities, and allow participants the opportunity to learn about these magnificent creatures! This workshop opportunity is open to both formal and non-formal Louisiana educators.

The event will be held February 7, 2015 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 5500 Paris Ave., New Orleans, LA.



LDWF Biologist Sara Zimorski, dressed in a crane costume, opens a section of netting on a juvenile whooping crane enclosure.

Attendees receive: breakfast and lunch, a binder filled with GLE aligned lessons, continuing education credits, a replica whooping crane egg, and a life-size whooping crane poster. Download the registration form [here](#).

STEAM POWERED COLLABORATIONS FOR GIRLS: CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSES!

Lafayette, LA; March 28, 2015; 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Attendees will connect with like-minded participants, hear how LaSTEM Girls Collaborative Project mini-grant recipients have enhanced STEM opportunities for girls in Louisiana, become inspired to make a positive difference for girls, and learn how to create positive collaborations.

Register at <http://www.ngcproject.org/steam-powered-collaborations-girls-celebrating-successes>.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

YOUTH AWARDS IS GOING DIGITAL!

Submit your project online

All National Energy Education Development (NEED) schools have outstanding classroom-based programs in which students learn about energy. Some schools have student leaders who extend these activities into their communities. To recognize outstanding achievement and reward student leadership, The NEED Project conducts the National Youth Awards Program for Energy Achievement.

This program combines academic competition with recognition to acknowledge everyone involved in NEED during the year and to recognize those who achieve excellence in energy education in their schools and communities. The students and teachers set goals and objectives and keep a record of their activities. In April, the students combine their materials into digital presentations and submit them online.

Find out more at <http://www.need.org/youth-awards>.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR COASTAL INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM EXTENDED

The Water Institute of the Gulf and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority are extending the deadline for pre-application submissions for the Coastal Innovation Partnership Program to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015.

The Coastal Innovation Partnership Program solicits and evaluates cutting-edge technologies and other innovations that could be used by CPRA or other coastal entities to achieve the most efficient, cost effective and sustainable approaches to project implementation, monitoring and adaptive management.

All interested parties, including individuals, teams and organizations, are eligible to submit an application for review. Applications will be evaluated based on a number of criteria, including proven success in improving project or program outcomes and relevance to the Coastal Master Plan.

Pre-applications that meet the evaluation criteria identified in the solicitation will proceed to the full application phase.

For more information, please visit www.thewaterinstitute.org/innovation.

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APPLY BY JAN 28 TO GLOBAL FIELD COURSES

Applications for Earth Expeditions' field courses in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Americas are due Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at <http://www.EarthExpeditions.org>. Earn graduate credit or a full master's degree*.

Travel to critical conservation and education sites worldwide and join a global network for social and ecological change. Miami University discounts tuition to make these experiences possible for a broad range of professionals.

EXTREME WAVE AND ARCTIC MODELING SEMINARS AT ONENOA SCIENCE SEMINAR SITE

A voluntary effort with many contributors across NOAA Line Offices and initiated in 2004 to bring to your desktop the most comprehensive summary of public access, NOAA hosted science and climate seminars across the nation. See what's coming up on the OneNOAA calendar at <http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/seminars/>.

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

National Mentoring Month focuses national attention on the need for mentors to guide our youth. Research shows girls benefit from relationships with role models and mentors who can provide valuable information about STEM careers.

<http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org/>

NCWIT'S TOP 10 WAYS TO ENGAGE UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS IN COMPUTING

[This resource](#) provides tips on engaging students from historically underrepresented populations in computing courses. Methods range from encouraging words to inclusive classroom environments

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